

CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY BULLETIN

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Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

FOCUS: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Today's readings speak strongly about God's tremendous and faithful love for his people. Joshua tells of the Israelites crossing the desert and receiving manna for sustenance until they could grow, harvest, and prepare their own food in their own land. In the land of Canaan they celebrated God's goodness and blessing in a Passover feast. Paul tells the Corinthians that the old way was sufficient in the past, but now their relationship with God has changed. Christ, who had never sinned, became sin so that they could become the very holiness of God. The Gospel of Luke encapsulates the truth of God's love as Jesus tells the parable of the merciful father and his two undeserving sons.

It is interesting to note that when the Israelites complained to Moses that they were tired, hot, and hungry, God provided water and manna for them. His faithful love for them never faltered. God provides, in his own way and in his own time, the things which are needed by his people.

The Father so loves us that he sent his only Son to redeem us so that we could become the very holiness of God. The old order has passed away and now everything is new. Christ reconciles the world to himself and does not count our transgressions against us, but he makes us his ambassadors. As such, we, in turn, must be reconciled to the Father and with each other.

How do we go about this reconciliation? Who is the one I need to forgive and be reconciled with? Our Gospel today gives us an idea of who that neighbor might be. In this story, it was the spendthrift brother who took his total inheritance, left home and his parents, and lost all through sinful living. The elder brother, who remained with his father and worked in the fields, could not find forgiveness in his heart for his younger brother. Both sons failed to understand the father's generosity and love.

The younger son, realizing how far he had fallen into the quagmire of sin, came to his senses, and returned to his father. He asked forgiveness knowing that he would not expect to return to his former status as a son, but perhaps as a hired worker. The self-righteous elder son was jealous of the reception his younger brother received from their father. Nothing is more difficult than the reconciliation between relatives who have been split apart by money, scandal, or wasteful living. The father, in turn, went out to both of his sons to bring them back into his house.

It should be noted that this story is really about a merciful and generous father with his two self-centered sons. The younger brother, the spendthrift, tells us something about greed and its consequences, but also about the virtues of humility and repentance. The older brother, the complainer, tells us about human nature and how easily envy, jealousy, and resentment can arise in our hearts when we perceive that other people are given an advantage over us.

The story also speaks about the gracious goodness of God. God never changes, but operates beyond our comprehension for he knows our weaknesses and sinfulness, and also the perversity of our human heart. God made us, knows us, he loves us, he makes allowances for us, and his is always willing to forgive and take us back.

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SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK OF March 21, 2004

Mon – Isaiah 65: 17-21, John 4: 43-54

Tue – Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12, John 5: 1-16

Saint Toribio

Wed – Isaiah 49: 8-15, John 5: 17-30

Thurs -Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10, Hebrews 10:4-10, Luke 1:26-38

The Annunciation of the Lord

Fri – Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat – Jeremiah 11: 18-20, John 7: 40-53

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Sat 20 Mar 0900 Mary Watson

Sat 20 Mar 1715

Sun 21 Mar 0900 Parishioners of MHT

Sun 21 Mar 1100 Elsie & Barbara Slattery

Mon 22 Mar 1205 Dan Skelly

Tue 23 Mar 1205 Chester Broccoli

Wed 24 Mar 1205 The Kiernan Family

Thurs 25 Mar 1205 Al Wronski

Fri 26 Mar 1205 Baby Richard

Sat 27 Mar 0900

Attendance and Offering Last Weekend:

Attendance 449 Offering \$1,566.80

***This weeks Designated Offering: Mar 20-21 will be for
Sacred Heart.***

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST FOR MAR 27-28

1715 Cadet, Corbett, T. Leszczynski

0900 Cadet, Buning, Betty Moretti,

1100 (3) Cadets, Naessens, M. Vetter, Povich, Tiger

USHERS FOR MAR 27-28

1715 Scullion, Massacci

0900 KofC (2)

1100 KofC (2)

ALTAR SERVERS MAR 27-28

1100 Sarah Pultz, Jon Pultz, Andrea Glen

0900 Bradley Genser, Mark Boyle, Luke Hyder

1100 KofC (3)

LECTORS FOR MAR 27-28

1715 Eric Verzola / Lisa Gossart

0900 David Ryan / Janice Tapay

1100 KofC (2)

SUNDAY SOCIALS Your parish needs you-no experience required.

Call the Tiger's at 446-3254. Thanks, God Bless

I have a question. Whom do I call?

Pastoral Coordinator Kate Hayden 938-8760

Chaplain's Assistant SPC Alexander 938-3721

Director Rel-Ed... Kay Heppes... 938-8761

Faith Formation, Rel. Education of Children & Adults, RCIA.

Wedding Coordinator....Lorraine Finn...932-2784

Wedding information, scheduling, paperwork,

Pre-Cana/Engaged Encounter information.

Director of Music.... Meredith Baker...938-3544

Adult, Children's and Cadet Choir, Wedding Music, Liturgical Music.

Pastor.... Fr. Joseph Deponai...938-3721

Reconciliation, Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Pastoral and Sacramental Concerns.

Cadet Issues....Fr. Edson Wood....938-2784 / Father Paul Hurley 938-2784

RECONCILIATION, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION:

Wednesday 1820 –1930 at MHT Chapel

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

GOD'S TYM (Total Youth Ministries)

POC: Michelle Kelley @ 424-3609

March 14, 21 & 28 - 7-9 pm -

Practices for the Passion Play

Celebrate Bach's Birthday

Sunday, 21 March at 3 pm, Most Holy Trinity Chapel will be the site of the observance of Johann Sebastian Bach's 319th birthday. This traditional celebration has taken place for many years at the Post and Cadet Chapels under the direction of Pat Maimone, now retired. This year Meredith Baker, Director of Music at Most Holy Trinity has arranged to continue this musical feast. A performance of Bach's Motet, Jesu, Meine Freude will be the central work. Singers from Miss Baker's Long Island Choral Society will be joining musicians from this area, to produce this free concert. For information, please contact Meredith at 938-3544 or MBaker@usma.edu

Dates to Remember

March 21	No Religious Education--Spring Break
March 27	RCIA retreat
March 28	Confirmation Catechetical Session VIII, 7:00PM, Cloister Room
March 30	Parish Reconciliation
March 31	Banner Making, Eucharist Parents, 7:00 PM, Cloister Room

POC: "Ms. Kay" Heppes @ 938-8761, yc3921@usma.edu

Confirmation Class Service Project

Please support one of the service projects of the MHT 2004 Confirmation Class. This project is in support of the Newburgh ministry. Please donate personal hygiene items (toothpaste, shaving cream, etc.) that will be collected in a box in the back of the church. Point of contact for this project is Marie Naessens at 446-4973.

Easter Lilly Sale:

Main Street florist is offering to provide beautiful flowers for our chapel. You are invited to purchase a Lilly in memory of a loved one and have it delivered to NHT for Easter. Please call Lisa at 446-4749 for information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attention Married Couples. Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Give yourselves time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities and a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming dates: April 23 - 25, at the Comfort Inn, Nanuet, NY and June 11 - 13 at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls, NY. To register or for more information, call: 718-707-1050, 914-378-5464, 845-635-8566 or 212-371-1000x3190

Most Holy Trinity is asking that you do not use the parking spaces that have been designated for the housing units.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

THE SEASON OF LENT & EASTER 2004 Most Holy Trinity Parish Family

Prayer: We are to seriously evaluate our prayer life during Lent. Hopefully, we will be persons who pray better on Easter Sunday!

Fasting: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast by limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Almsgiving: We invite you to check the bulletin for opportunities to help those who are less fortunate. Our parish participates in many outreach programs.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Stations of the Cross/Soup Suppers: Fridays 27 Feb- 2 Apr, Stations-1800 (6:00PM), Soup-1830 (6:30 PM) MHT

Lenten Spiritual Renewal Program: Mondays, 1845- 1930; March 15 & 22, 2004.

(Brief Presentations & Four Different Prayer Experiences.)

Monday, March 22, 2004: Fr. Costa on "Triduum and Lent

Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, 30 March 2004-1900(7:00PM) MHT Chapel Every
Wednesday: Adoration & Confession: 1820-1925 (6:20-7:20PM) @ MHT

Palm Sunday: 4 April 04, Palms distributed at all Masses at MHT.

Triduum: Holy Thursday, 8 April 04, 1900 (7:00PM) Liturgy of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2400 (12:00AM)

Good Friday, 9 April 04, 1900 (7:00PM) Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—1500 (3:00PM)
Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, 10 April 04, 2000 (8:00PM) Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 11 April, Easter Mass 0900 & 1100

9 April The Living Stations will be presented by GOD'S TYM - 1500 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel.

The Book Club meets on the 1st Monday of each month

March: Holiness for Housewives: Vonzeller

April: Hail Holy Queen : Hahn

May: House of Gold : MacFarlane

July: The Seven Story Mountain: Thomas Merton

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPER

Join us on the Fridays during Lent for Stations at 1800 and Soup & Bread at 1830. If you can bring soup or bread to share, we would be appreciative.